

Energize Indiana Update  
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### The News in Brief...

#### Impact of regional offices

Under the directive of Governor Frank O'Bannon and the direction of Lieutenant Governor Joe Kernan, who heads the Department of Commerce, Indiana regionalized its Commerce operations in 2001. This move has revolutionized the way Indiana interacts with Hoosier companies and businesspeople, making the state more responsive to their needs. "We must treat each community like the unique place that it is," O'Bannon said. "We must learn their needs if we are to meet them." To learn more, click [here](#).

#### Region 3 staff

Pictured below are (from left): Lieutenant Governor Kernan, Administrative Coordinator Tammy Hornback, Project Manager Karen Sanclemente, Director Dan Yamanaka and Governor O'Bannon.



### O'Bannon responds to media outpouring at forum

Reporters from WANE-15, WPTA-21, WKJG-33, The Journal-Gazette, The Bluffton News-Banner and WBNI-NPR quizzed the governor about Energize Indiana, the high-wage, high-skill jobs the program will create and how Northeast Indiana residents will fill these jobs now and in the future.



### For more about Energize Indiana:

#### IN Department of Commerce

(317) 232-8800

[www.indianacommerce.com](http://www.indianacommerce.com)

#### IN Department of Workforce Development

(317) 233-5514

[www.workforce.IN.gov](http://www.workforce.IN.gov)

#### Rural development

(317) 232-8876

[www.IN.gov/irdc](http://www.IN.gov/irdc) or [www.in.gov/oca](http://www.in.gov/oca)

#### The Ports of Indiana

(317) 232-9200

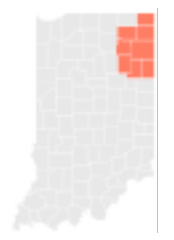
[www.portsofindiana.com](http://www.portsofindiana.com)

#### The 21st Century

#### Research and Technology Fund

(317) 234-1625

[www.21fund.org](http://www.21fund.org)



## Economic profile:

### Department of Commerce Region 3

Adams, Allen, DeKalb, Huntington, Noble,  
Steuben, Wells and Whitley counties

### Profile: One large city, eight strong counties

Region 3 is home to Indiana's second largest city, Fort Wayne, as well as a tenth of its 67 rural counties. This dichotomy is one of the region's strengths. The 21st Century Fund links innovative Fort Wayne businesses Logikos, Adaptive Micro-ware and ITT Industries with strong local and state universities, while agricultural entrepreneurs find new ways to bring their products to new markets. Region 3 is home to eight universities and serves as a central hub for the Midwest. Interstate 69, along with U.S. 6, 24, 27, 30 and 33, cross through Region 3.

### Success story: The Great Lakes Pork Cooperative

It may not have the catchiest title, but the cooperative is doing great things for Indiana. According to one federal definition, Adams, DeKalb, Huntington, Noble, Steuben, Wells and Whitley counties are considered rural. This is a measure of population density – nothing more. Rural counties, just like their urban counterparts, are leading the way in production and innovation. Noble County initiated **The Great Lakes Pork Cooperative**, which helps producers statewide keep pork production viable. For example, pork producers are using state grant dollars to enhance the value of pork by helping farms market hogs to specialty markets.